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A citizen proposed ballot issue can only appear on the 2014 general election ballot once the proposed language has fulfilled three requirements. First, the language must be submitted to Montana's Legislative Services Division. Second, the Montana Attorney General must conduct a legal review. Finally, after the review process is complete, and the sponsor has been notified by the Secretary of State of the approval or rejection of the ballot issue, the sponsor must collect sufficient verified signatures from qualified voters in Montana.

Initiative or referendum for the ballot - Signatures must be obtained from 5 percent of the total number of qualified voters in Montana, including 5 percent of the voters in each of 34 legislative house districts.

Constitutional amendment by initiative - Signatures must be obtained from 10 percent of the total number of qualified voters in Montana, including 10 percent of the voters in each of 40 legislative house districts.

If you observe and have concerns about questionable signature gathering, you may file a complaint with the Secretary of State, who will forward each complaint to the appropriate county official. See signature gathering information at http://sos.mt.gov/Elections/Ballot_Issues/index.asp.

The following three issues were referred to the voters by the 2013 Legislature and will appear on the November 4, 2014 general election ballot:

C-45 (HB 79) (Status current as of 1/7/2014)

Subject: Constitutional amendment to rename the State Auditor.

Type: Constitutional Amendment

Status: Legislature referred HB 79 to the 2014 General Election Ballot

LR-126 (SB 405) (Status current as of 1/7/2014)

Subject: Referendum to revise close of late voter registration.

Type: Legislative Referendum

Status: Legislature referred SB 405 to the 2014 General Election Ballot.

<u>LR-127</u> (<u>SB 408</u>) (Status current as of 1/7/2014)

Subject: Referendum to provide top two primary in certain elections

Type: Legislative Referendum

Status: Legislature referred SB 408 to the 2014 General Election Ballot.

Please Note: Ballot issue numbers listed below are assigned by the order in which they were received at the Office of the Montana Secretary of State. They do not reflect a ranking or how the initiative will be numbered if it is placed on the ballot.

The following are citizen proposals for ballot initiatives for the November 4, 2014, general election ballot have been submitted to the Secretary of State:

Ballot Issue #1 CI-111 (Status current as of 1/7/2014)

Subject: Establish a right for adults to purchase, produce and consume marijuana without criminal penalties.

Contact Person: Chris Lindsey Sponsor: Barb Trego

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Type: Constitutional amendment by initiative Received by SOS: November 16, 2012

Status: Petition has been approved for signature gathering.

Next Step: Sponsor may submit signatures to county election offices.

Ballot Issue #2 (Status current as of 1/7/2014)

Subject: Allow for payments as compensation for a certain defective dental procedure

Contact Person: David Anthony Fallon Sponsor: David Anthony Fallon Type: Statutory initiative

Received by SOS: December 18, 2012

Status: Reviewed by Legislative Services Division.

Next Step: Sponsor has the opportunity to respond to Legislative Services.

Ballot Issue #3 (Status current as of 1/7/2014)

Subject: Establish a right to natural foods, medicines, waters and soils.

Contact Person: Michael Hyde Sponsor: Michael Hyde

Type: Constitutional amendment by initiative

Received by SOS: May 28, 2013

Status: Reviewed by Legislative Services Division

Next Step: Sponsor has the opportunity to respond to Legislative Services.

Ballot Issue #4 1-167 (Status current as of 1/7/2014)

Subject: Prohibit trapping of certain animals by private individuals on any public lands within

the state of Montana

Contact Person: Timothy Provow Sponsor: Timothy Provow Type: Statutory initiative Received by SOS: June 3, 2013

Status: Petition has been approved for signature gathering as of September 6, 2013.

Next Step: Sponsor may submit signatures to county election offices.

Ballot Issue #5 (Status current as of 1/7/2014)

Subject: Require the identification of political advertisements with the origin of financial

support.

Contact Person: Brian Leland Sponsor: Brian Leland Type: Statutory initiative Received by SOS: June 12, 2013

Status: Reviewed by Legislative Services Division.

Next Step: Sponsor has the opportunity to respond to Legislative Services

Ballot Issue #6 I-168 (Status current as of 1/7/2014)

Subject: Require reporting and disclosure by all persons and entities engaging in political

activity.

Contact Person: Jim Peterson Sponsor: Jim Peterson Type: Statutory initiative Received by SOS: July 11, 2013

Status: Petition has been approved for signature gathering as of October 7, 2013.

Next Step: Sponsor may submit signatures to county election offices

Ballot Issue #7 CI-112 (Status current as of 1/7/2014)

Subject: Reserve to the people the power to amend or repeal laws passed by initiative.

Sponsor: Michelle Hutsell, Montana Coalition for Rights Contact Person: Nathan Pierce, Montana Coalition for Rights

Type: Constitutional initiative Received by SOS: July 25, 2013

Status: Petition has been approved for signature gathering as of September 17, 2013.

Next Step: Sponsor may submit signatures to county election offices.

Ballot Issue #8 (Status current as of 1/7/2014)

Subject: Require that the legislature be comprised of fifty percent men and fifty percent

women

Sponsor: John Marshall Contact Person: John Marshall Type: Constitutional initiative Received by SOS: November 5, 2013

Status: Reviewed by Legislative Services Division.

Next Step: Sponsor has the opportunity to respond to Legislative Services.

Ballot Issue #9 (Status current as of 1/7/2014)

Subject: Prohibit trapping of certain animals by private individuals on any public lands within

Sponsor: K.C. York
Contact Person: K.C. York
Type: Statutory initiative

the state of Montana.

Received by SOS: November 19, 2013

Status: Reviewed by Legislative Services Division.

Next Step: Sponsor has the opportunity to respond to Legislative Services.

Ballot Issue #10 (Status current as of 1/7/2014)

Subject: Increase access to Montana's Medicaid program for uninsured, low-income adults.

Sponsor: Kim Abbott Contact Person: Kim Abbott Type: Statutory initiative

Received by SOS: November 21, 2013

Status: Withdrawn by Sponsor. Resubmitted as Ballot Issue #12.

Ballot Issue #11 (Status current as of 1/7/2014)

Subject: Prohibit warrantless searches of digital communications and prohibit general

warrants.

Sponsor: John Bohlinger Contact Person: John Bohlinger Type: Constitutional initiative

Received by SOS: December 10, 2013

Status: Reviewed by Legislative Services Division.

Next Step: Sponsor has the opportunity to respond to Legislative Services.

Ballot Issue #12 (Status current as of 1/7/2014)

Subject: Increase access to Montana's Medicaid program for uninsured, low-income adults.

Sponsor: Kim Abbott
Contact Person: Kim Abbott
Type: Statutory initiative

Received by SOS: December 13, 2013

Status: Sponsor responded to Legislative Service Division's recommendations and submitted

ballot issue for legal sufficiency review by Attorney General.

Next Step: Attorney General will review ballot issue text and issue a legal sufficiency opinion.

Ballot Issue #13 (Status current as of 1/7/2014)

Subject: Prohibit the use of Montana resources to administer and enforce the Patient

Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Sponsor: Matthew Monforton

Contact Person: Matthew Monforton

Type: Statutory initiative

Received by SOS: December 18, 2013
Status: Reviewed by Legislative Services Division.

Next Step: Sponsor has the opportunity to respond to Legislative Services.

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